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GROWTH USING A FUSION PROTEIN AND A DRUG

ESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

#### A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

### B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 19, 2001, set to expire on January 19, 2002, be extended by 3 months, to expire on April 19, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$460.00.

#### C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 137255 in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the extension of time fee.

### Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment D.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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